

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated June 20, 2006. Applicant has amended the claims to clarify key features of the invention and overcome the claim objections and rejections. No new matter has been added, and the amendments place the claims in better condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the claims. The discussion/arguments provided below reference the claims in their amended form.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At paragraph 3 of the present Office Action, the title is objected to as non-descriptive. Further, the disclosure is objected to because of a missing serial number. Accordingly, Applicant has provided a new title and added the serial number to the disclosure. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the specification.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

At section 23 of the Office Action, Examiner states that Claims 2-7, 10-12 and 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Further, Examiner states that Claims 2-7 and 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the § 112 rejections. Applicant has also rewritten dependent Claim 2 in independent form including therein the limitations of base Claim 1. Further, Applicant has added allowable subject matter from Claim 10 (now canceled) into independent Claim 9. These Claims and all claims dependent thereon are now allowable.

With respect to independent Claims 1 and 16, Applicant has amended both claims to now include limitations which Applicants believe places the claims in condition for allowance since the added limitations providing features that corresponding to the subject matter indicated to be allowable by Examiner. The amendments to these independent claims are further believed to place all claims in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests Examiner remove the conditions placed on the allowance and extend the allowance to cover all pending claims remaining in the application.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

At section 6 of the Office Action, Claims 2-7 and 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to recite all elements in definite form. The amendment overcomes the §112 rejection, and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and removal of the rejection in light of the amendment.

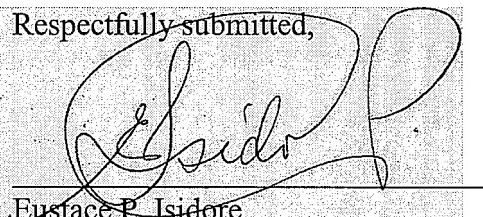
CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the present Office Action, Claims 1, 8-9, 13-17 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of *Gregor* (U.S. Patent No. 5,023,776). Applicants' amendments to the various independent claims overcome the present rejection. The above claims are therefore allowable over the reference.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has diligently responded to the Office Action by amending the title and specification to overcome objections thereto and by amending the claims to clarify features within specific claims and to overcome § 112 rejections. The amendments overcome the §§ 112 and 103 rejections, Applicant, respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Applicant further respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.



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